

REMARKS

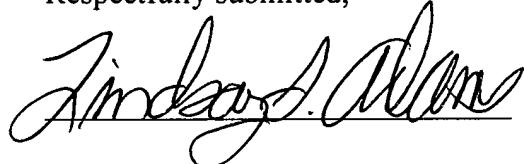
This Amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of June 9, 2006.

The Office Action rejected Claims 11 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kodama (U.S. Patent No. 4,356,499) in view of Hobson (U.S. 6,199,979) and further in view of Kitahara (U.S. Patent No. 6,338,554). Claims 1-9 and 12-19 are allowed in the action.

In response, Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims 11 and 20. All remaining claims, claims 1-9 and 12-19 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. A request for a one month extension of time and fee is enclosed. Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due. However, if any additional fees are due, please charge such sums to our Deposit Account 50-1145.

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